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'ADVISED' OR COMPELLED?

Federal Parolee Gets a Haircut

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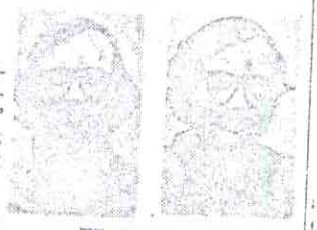
A Minneapolis man on federal parole from a draft conviction has been "advised" by his parole officer to cut his hair and avoid writing political articles.



FRANCIS GALT
Before and after

The parolee, Francis Galt, 20-year-old pacifist who spent 17 months in prison for failing to report for induction, said Friday he has complied with both suggestions, "in order to stay out of trouble."

The chief probation officer for U. S. District Court in Minneapolis, Donald Kostohryz, said Galt was "counseled," not ordered. "We cannot set any conditions for parole," he said. "We follow the requests of the U.S. Parole Board. As far as the hair business is concerned, Galt could have declined to accept our counseling."

GALT SAID the distinction was "meaningless, considering that they have almost complete power over me."

Galt was one of a dozen probationers and parolees who were urged to spruce up their appearance after a meeting of Kostohryz's staff. A parole officer, Melvin Smith, noted in the October report on Galt that "his appearance was discussed and it was suggested that he cut and trim his hair, mustache and goatee."

At the same meeting, said Smith, "I suggested that he shouldn't write any political articles so he wouldn't get into any difficulty."

Galt currently is employed as entertainment editor of the Minnesota Daily. He is a senior majoring in English at the university.

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Springfield, Mo., last March after serving 17 months of his 4-year sentence. For six months after that he lived in Madison, Wis.

"The parole officer was more lenient there," Galt said. "He let me appear on a television panel opposing the draft and let my hair grow the way I wanted.

"They haven't been too bad here. I'm still taken for a hippie when I walk along the street, so I'm not being molded into a middle-class man."

"I want to make it clear," said Kostohryz, "that we don't object to beards or long hair except when they're unkempt. Galt looked like a Biblical character, and this was not entirely acceptable to this community.

"IF YOU'VE been in federal court, you know that Judge (Miles) Lord especially looks down on people with unkempt appearances."

Kostohryz said only one of the dozen parolees complained about the suggestions. "His hair was so long in back he had a pony tail tied with a ribbon. But he finally cut it."

Although a parolee is under the jurisdiction of the Parole Board for the duration of his parole, this time is not credited to his time in prison if his parole should be revoked.